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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: FOLLOW UP ON THE PROLIFERATION SECURITY INITIATIVE

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Classified by Ambassador William T. Monroe for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) In a meeting covering several subjects (septels), the Ambassador May 6 delivered Ref A demarche concerning the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) to Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa. Shaikh Khalid replied, "We're signing on" to PSI. He still needed to get the Bahrain Defense Force's formal buy-in, but the GOB was ready to do it. It is simply a matter of formalities, he said. The Ambassador urged Shaikh Khalid to discuss PSI with his colleagues at the GCC Consultative Meeting in Riyadh later that day. Some had indicated they would participate in the Turkish-hosted PSI exercise Anatolian Sun on May 24-26. If Bahrain decides to join PSI, its participation in the exercise would be welcome. Shaikh Khalid said he would follow up on this matter in Riyadh.

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